

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residences, post office addresses and citizenship are stated below next to our names.

We believe that we are an original, first, and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

SPLICE FOR A HEAT SHRINKABLE LABEL

the specification of which was filed on 4/23/98 as Application Serial No. 09/064,658.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 CFR §1.56.

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

PRIOR FOREIGN/PCT APPLICATION(S)

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NO.	DATE OF FILING	PRIORITY CLAIMED
None			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

We hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

PROVISIONAL APPLICATION NUMBER**DATE OF FILING**

None

We hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 of any United States application(s) or §365(c) of any PCT International application(s) designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112, we acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in 37 CFR §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

**PRIOR U.S. APPLICATIONS OR PCT INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS
DESIGNATING THE U.S. FOR BENEFIT UNDER 35 U.S.C. §120**

Status (check one)

Application Serial No.	Date of Filing	Patented	Pending	Abandoned
None		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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And we hereby appoint Arthur H. Seidel, Registration No. 15,979; Gregory J. Lavorgna, Registration No. 30,469; Daniel A. Monaco, Registration No. 30,480; Thomas J. Durling, Registration No. 31,349; and John J. Marshall, Registration No. 29,671, our attorneys or agents with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

Address all correspondence to Seidel, Gonda, Lavorgna & Monaco, P.C., Suite 1800, Two Penn Center Plaza, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102. Address all telephone calls to Thomas J. Durling at 215-568-8383 (telefax: 215-568-5549).

We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

FULL NAME OF SOLE OR FIRST INVENTOR

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT

In re: Patent application of : Attorney Docket No.
Doug Ulbrich et al. : 09325-3
Serial No.: 09/064,658 :
Group Art Unit:
Filed: April 23, 1998 : 1771
Examiner:
For: SPLICE FOR A HEAT : Not Yet Assigned
SHRINKABLE LABEL :

**POWER OF ATTORNEY BY ASSIGNEE OF ENTIRE
INTEREST (REVOCATION OF PRIOR POWERS)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

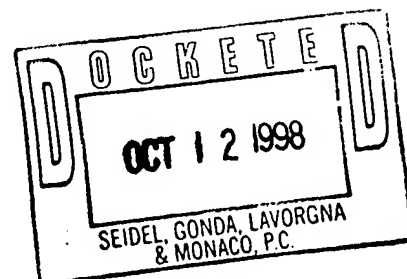
An assignment of the entire right, title and interest in and to the above-identified patent was filed with the Assignment Branch of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. A copy of the assignment is attached hereto in accordance with 37 CFR 3.73(b) as documentary evidence of the undersigned assignee's right with respect to this patent.

As assignee of the entire interest of the above-identified patent, all powers of attorney previously given are hereby revoked and the following attorneys are hereby appointed to prosecute and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: Arthur H. Seidel, Registration No. 15,979; Gregory J. Lavorgna, Registration No. 30,469; Daniel A. Monaco, Registration No. 30,480; Thomas J. Durling, Registration

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SONOCO PRODUCTS COMPANY

Date: 10/2/98

BY:

H. E. DeLoach, Jr.
Harris E. DeLoach, Jr.
Executive Vice President

ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, Doug Ulbrich and Thomas Eric Johnson, respectively citizens of the United States of America, with respective post office addresses of 33 Wiley Avenue, Edison, NJ 08837 and 5911 Davis Street, Clover, SC 29710 hereinafter generally referred to as "ASSIGNORS", have invented a certain new and useful **SPLICE FOR A HEAT SHRINKABLE LABEL** for which we have executed an application Serial No. 09/064,658, filed on April 23, 1998 for Letters Patent of the United States, and

WHEREAS, Sonoco Products Company, a South Carolina corporation having a place of business at 1 North Second Street, Hartsville, South Carolina 29550, hereinafter generally referred to as "ASSIGNEE", is desirous of acquiring said invention and said Letters Patent, and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar and other good and valuable executed consideration, the full receipt and sufficiency of all of which are hereby acknowledged, and intending to be legally bound hereby, we, the undersigned ASSIGNORS, hereby agree to sell, assign, transfer and convey and by these presents do sell, assign, transfer and convey unto the above-named ASSIGNEE, the whole and entire right, title and interest

in and to said invention as described in the above Letters Patent, for the territory of the United States and its possessions and territories and all foreign countries, and

in and to the above Letters Patent and any and all foreign Letters Patent which may be granted on said invention including divisions, reissues and continuations;

said invention and Letters Patent to be held and enjoyed by the above-named ASSIGNEE, for ASSIGNEE's own use and behoof, and for ASSIGNEE's legal representatives and assigns to the full end of the term or terms for which said Letters Patent may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by the undersigned ASSIGNORS had this assignment and sale not been made; and for the aforesaid consideration ASSIGNORS hereby covenant, agree and undertake to execute, whenever requested by the above-named ASSIGNEE, all patent applications, assignments, lawful oaths and any other papers which ASSIGNEE may deem necessary or desirable for securing to ASSIGNEE or for maintaining for ASSIGNEE all the Letters Patent hereby assigned or agreed to be assigned; all without further compensation to the undersigned ASSIGNORS.

 (L.S.)
Doug Ulbrich

Thomas Eric Johnson (L.S.)
Thomas Eric Johnson

State of NJ :

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County of Mercer :

Before me, a notary public, in and for the State and County aforesaid, on this day of August 31, 1998 personally appeared **Doug Ulbrich** who being to me personally known, and who having first executed the foregoing instrument in my presence and having been by me first duly sworn, did acknowledge the foregoing instrument as his free deed and act, signed, sealed and delivered by him for the purpose therein stated and intending to be legally bound thereby and intending that said instrument be recorded.

Gregory J. Byrne
Notary Public

GREGORY J. BYRNE
NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES NOV 8, 2000

State of IL :

County of York ^{SS}:

Before me, a notary public, in and for the State and County aforesaid, on this 10 day of Sept, 1998 personally appeared **Thomas Eric Johnson** who being to me personally known, and who having first executed the foregoing instrument in my presence and having been by me first duly sworn, did acknowledge the foregoing instrument as his free deed and act, signed, sealed and delivered by him for the purpose therein stated and intending to be legally bound thereby and intending that said instrument be recorded.

Reinda York
Notary Public

My Commission Expires February 25, 2007